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references are provided for the Examiner. Copies of the foreign references are submitted herewith along with a completed form PTO-SA/08A.

1. U.S. Patent No. 3,020,968 to Sampietro;
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,081,843 to Dotto et al.;
3. French Patent No. 2706369 to Giat Industries SA;
4. French Patent No. 2726231 to Autobobiles Peugeot;
5. Great Britain Patent No. 478233 to Ballamy;
6. EPO Patent No. 1114741 to CLAAS Selbstfahrende Erntemaschinen GmbH; and
7. Japanese Patent Abstract No. 58 141907 to Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

These references are cited only as constituting the closest art of which applicant is aware.

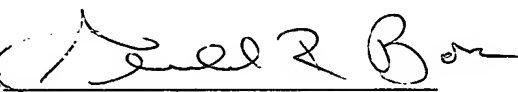
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